

NINTH ADD 02 (THIEU SPEECH TEXT)

XXX NOT HAVE SURVIVED.

(TEXT) THEREFORE I DEEM IT NECESSARY TODAY TO SAY CLEARLY THAT THE RVN MUST CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM, SURVIVAL AND PEACE. THE RVN DOES NOT HESITATE TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE, BUT IT NEEDS ASSISTANCE TO FIGHT ALONE, BECAUSE THIS IS THE ONLY WAY IT CAN SAVE ITSELF. THE RVN HAS BEEN READY TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OVER THE PAST YEARS. THE RVN PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSUME MORE AND MORE RESPONSIBILITIES UNTIL THEIR ALLIES ARE COMPLETELY FREE OF THEIR BURDEN.

I HAVE OFTEN EXPRESSED MY IMPRESSIONS AND VIEWS ON THE SO-CALLED WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM THIS AREA. BUT I HAVE ALSO ASSERTED THAT ALONG WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. PERSONNEL THE UNITED STATES MUST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE SMALL AND UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE AREA SO THEY MAY FIGHT TO DEFEND THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM AND ASSIST ONE ANOTHER UNTIL THE TIME THE UNITED STATES REALIZES THAT IS NO LONGER BOUND BY THIS RESPONSIBILITY. THE RVN CASE IS NOT UNIQUE, BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY SIMILAR CASES FROM EUROPE TO ASIA.

WHETHER IT WANTS TO OR NOT, THE UNITED STATES HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD. BUT IT MUST KEEP THIS RESPONSIBILITY FOREVER IF IT DOES NOT WANT THE FREE WORLD TO FALL INTO THE COMMUNISTS' HANDS. THEREFORE THE RVN PEOPLE ONLY WANT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO BE THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, TO CONTINUE TO CORRECTLY PURSUE ITS POLICY OF ASSISTING THE SMALL COUNTRIES SO THEY MAY USE THEIR OWN BLOOD AND BONES AND GRADUALLY RESORT TO THEIR OWN STRENGTH TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND TO GRADUALLY RELIEVE THE BURDEN FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I DEEM IT NECESSARY FOR OUR FILE,

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNMENT TO ONCE AGAIN ASSERT THAT THE

SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE NOT A WARLIKE PEOPLE, THAT THE RVN
GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO PROLONG THE WAR, NOR DOES IT WANT
TO PUSH ITS PEOPLE ONTO THIS PATH. THE RVN DOES NOT LACK
GOOD WILL IN SERIOUS TALKS. IT IS ONLY THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE
DOES NOT WANT TO TALK WITH THE RVN AND TRIES TO GRAB AT THE
AMERICANS TO NEGOTIATE, THUS HOPING TO MAKE THE AMERICANS
PRESSURE THE RVN.

THE RVN DOES NOT PLACE OBSTACLES TO PARTIAL OR OVERALL POW
EXCHANGE PLANS. ON THE CONTRARY, WE HAVE UNILATERALLY AND
UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED COMMUNIST POW'S ON MANY OCCASIONS AND
HAVE MADE MANY CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR THE RELEASE OF U.S.
POW'S. THE RVN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HESITATE AT ANY OVERALL AND
LASTING CEASE-FIRE LEADING TO NEGOTIATIONS (DQEER THUWONG
THUYEETS), IF THIS CEASE-FIRE CAN BE GUARANTEED.

THE RVN GOVERNMENT IS NOT AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE, AS MANY PEOPLE
HAVE DELIBERATELY CLAIMED. EVERYONE KNOWS AND ADMITS THAT FOR MANY
YEARS THE RVN HAS SET FORTH MANY BROAD-MINDED INITIATIVES
AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR ENDING THE WAR. BUT THE COMMUNISTS
HAVE ALWAYS REJECTED OUR PROPOSALS. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE AND SEIZED
EVERY OPPORTUNITY--FROM SMALL TO GREAT EVENTS, FROM A SHORT-TERM
CEASE-FIRE TO A PROPOSAL FOR A BROADER CEASE-FIRE, FROM THE
UNILATERAL RELEASE OF POW'S TO THE PROPOSAL FOR AN EXCHANGE
OF POW'S, FROM THE OFFICIAL PEACE TALKS TO THE ACCEPTANCE
OF SECRET TALKS ANYWHERE AND AT ANY TIME TO DISCUSS ANY
QUESTION--TO RESTORE PEACE.

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